News release

Storm clouds over festival

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Glastonbury revellers are being warned to take their wet weather gear as the first day of the festival tomorrow looks set to be hit by torrential downpours and thunderstorms.

The Met Office has already issued warnings that hot weather is due to break down to be replaced by severe thunderstorms as early as this evening. But the worst of the weather will reach Somerset, where the festival is held, by tomorrow.

Ian Cameron, Head of the Operations Centre in Exeter, said: "Overnight Thursday and during Friday there is a major risk of very heavy downpours, thunder and lightning – so we'd advise revellers to make sure they have wellies at the very least. However, throughout the weekend of the festival there is a gradually improving picture."

Elsewhere the thunderstorms could bring with them the risk of floods. For up-to-date information visit the Environment Agency web site, or in Scotland, the SEPA web site.

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